



Goal 2: Public Safety

Desired Community Condition: The community is prepared to respond to emergencies, natural disasters, catastrophic acts and other events that threaten the health and safety of the public.



Indicator: Area Emergency Operations Plan

Progress Rating: Local Trend: POSITIVE National Comparison: NOT APPLICABLE

Indicator Description

Albuquerque’s Emergency Operations Plan will outline the coordination between the City and surrounding jurisdictions. The plan is currently under revision. After the terrorist attacks on September 11th, 2001, it became apparent that the City needed to update its Emergency Operations Plan. The City is also drafting a Pre Disaster Mitigation Plan which discusses conditions with the highest potential to cause an emergency and how to mitigate the condition. An example would be to look for a chemical plant in a residential neighborhood. The plan must be approved by May 2005. There are three subcommittees responsible to create the ten annexes of the Emergency Operations Plan.

Why is this indicator important?

The City and surrounding jurisdictions need to be prepared for numerous types of emergencies to protect the residents of Albuquerque. The emergency could arise from a chemical spill on the roadway infrastructure, an explosion at a public or private facility, or a terrorist attack. In either case, being prepared to handle the situation would be instrumental in a successful outcome. The State of New Mexico requires that we have an Emergency Operations Plan.

Data Sources

City of Albuquerque Office of Emergency Management

What can we tell from the data?

- The City has created the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), hired staff, and contracted with a consultant to draft an Emergency Operations Plan and a Pre Disaster Mitigation Plan. The Emergency Operations Plan encompasses response to all hazards in coordination with Bernalillo County, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, and the Village of Tijeras.
- The Pre Disaster Mitigation Plan is required by the Federal government to comply with grants the city has received.
- The Pre Disaster Mitigation Plan is nearly drafted. After approval by the City Council, the Office of Emergency Management will submit the plan to Bernalillo County, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, and the Village of Tijeras for their approval.

Organization of the Emergency Operations Plan

The Emergency Operations Plan is organized into ten categories or annexes. There are three subcommittees working on the plan who report to the Emergency Manager. The subcommittees and annexes are organized as follows:

- Public safety Subcommittee
 1. Fire and Rescue Annex Task Group
 - Weapons of Mass Destruction Appendix
 - Wild Land Fire Appendix
 2. Law Enforcement Security Annex Task Group
 - Terrorism Appendix
 3. Communications & Warning Annex Task Group

- Emergency Operations Subcommittee
 1. Direction and Control Annex Task Group
 - Alert and Notification Appendix
 - Emergency Public Information Appendix
 2. Health and Medical Annex Task Group
 - Reception and Mass Care Appendix
 - Metro Medical Response system MRS Appendix
 3. Evacuation and Support Annex Task Group
 - Emergency Public Information Appendix
 4. Education and Training and Testing and Exercising Annex Task group

- Infrastructure and Resources Subcommittee
 1. Logistics Annex Task Group
 - Resource and Supply Appendix
 2. Damage Assessment and Reporting Annex Task Group
 3. Critical Infrastructure Annex Task Group
 - Transportation Appendix

A draft of the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) is currently under review and is anticipated to be presented to City Council for review and concurrence in August or September, 2004. The EOP is scheduled to be adopted by City Council and signed by the Mayor in October, 2004.

The Pre Disaster Mitigation Plan will be completed, in draft by November 2004. As soon as the draft is complete, the Emergency Management Division will start coordinating approval to surrounding governmental entities: Bernalillo County, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, and the Village of Tijeras. The plan must be approved by May 2005.